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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

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MELBOURNE VIC 3000Date of mailing
(day/month/year)

29 MAY 2003

Applicant's or agent's file reference
2618345/DBW

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.

PCT/AU03/00253

International filing date

28 February 2003

Applicant

SPEEDLEGAL HOLDINGS INC et al

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Reminders

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau.

If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later);

otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2618345/DBW	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/AU03/00253	International filing date (day/month/year) 28 February 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 1 March 2002
Applicant SPEEDLEGAL HOLDINGS INC et al		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 8

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : G06F 17/60		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI (G06F, logic, sources, XML and like terms)		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2001/0018697 A (KUNITAKE et al.) 30 August 2001 Whole document	1,5-15,20,23-31,37- 39,42-46,48- 52,55,56,60, 61,69- 75,78-87,91,92,94-99 1-100
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X	US 5729751 A (SCHOOLCRAFT) 17 March 1998 Whole document	1,5-11,23-46,69- 72,74,78-81,86-89,91- 94,99,100
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex		
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Date of the actual completion of the international search 21 May 2003		Date of mailing of the international search report 29 MAY 2003
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X	US 5960419 A (FAGG, III et al.) 28 September 1999 Abstract, figures, claims	1,5-11,26- 42,44- 46,72,78- 81,86-93
X	WO 98/57284 A (DOCUMENTS LIMITED et al.) 17 December 1998 Abstract, page 3, claims, figures	72,86-89,93
Y	Whole document	1-102
X	WO 96/17310 A (AVALANCHE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY) 6 June 1996 Whole document	101
Y		1,61,86,102
X	EP 650130 B (XEROX CORPORATION) 4 October 2001 Whole document	101
Y	EP 1136915 A (EPOCH SOFTWARE HOLDINGS PLC) 26 September 2001 Column 1,3, claims	1,9
Y	WO 01/88703 A (WATTERSON-PRIME SOFTWARE, INC.) 22 November 2001 Abstract, figures, claims	1,2,12,61
Y	"Copy-based versus edit-based version management schemes for structured documents" (Chien et al.) Research Issues in Data Engineering 2001 IEEE 1-2 March 2001, Whole document	1-99
Y	US 5893914 A (CLAPP) 13 April 1999 Abstract, claims	1
Y	"Intelligent Assembly of Structured Documents" (Ahonen et al.) University of Helsinki Department of Computer Science Report C-1996-40 Whole document, especially section 4.4	1-99

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
US	20010018697	EP	915416	EP	1139214
		US	6243798	JP	11224192
US	5729751	NONE			
US	5960419	US	5835900	US	5963931
		US	6009420	AU	97886/98
		EP	1010067	WO	9918500
WO	9857284	AU	80273/98	EP	988609
WO	9617310	NONE			
EP	650130	JP	7182340	US	5438512
EP	1136915	NONE			
WO	200188703	AU	200161641		
US	5893914	CA	2056865	US	5313394
				CA	2071307
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